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"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 10-221a of the general statutes, as
4 amended by section 16 of substitute senate bill 438 of the current
5 session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
6 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

7 (c) Commencing with classes graduating in 2018, and for each
8 graduating class thereafter, no local or regional board of education
9 shall permit any student to graduate from high school or grant a
10 diploma to any student who has not satisfactorily completed (1) a
11 minimum of twenty-five credits, including not fewer than: (A) Nine
12 credits in the humanities, including not fewer than (i) four credits in
13 English, including composition; (ii) three credits in social studies,
14 including at least one credit in American history and at least one-half

15 credit in civics and American government; (iii) one credit in fine arts;
16 and (iv) one credit in a humanities elective; (B) eight credits in science,
17 technology, engineering and mathematics, including not fewer than (i)
18 four credits in mathematics, including algebra I, geometry and algebra
19 II or probability and statistics; (ii) three credits in science, including at
20 least one credit in life science and at least one credit in physical science;
21 and (iii) one credit in a science, technology, engineering and
22 mathematics elective; (C) [three and one-half] four credits in career and
23 life skills, including not fewer than (i) one credit in physical education;
24 (ii) [one-half] one credit in health and safety education, as described in
25 section 10-16b, subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this
26 section; and (iii) two credits in career and life skills electives, such as
27 career and technical education, English as a second language,
28 community service, personal finance, public speaking and nutrition
29 and physical activity; (D) two credits in world languages, subject to the
30 provisions of subsection (g) of this section; and (E) a one credit senior
31 demonstration project or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board
32 of Education; and (2) end of the school year examinations for the
33 following courses: (A) Algebra I, (B) geometry, (C) biology, (D)
34 American history, and (E) grade ten English.

35 Sec. 502. Subsection (g) of section 10-221a of the general statutes, as
36 amended by section 16 of substitute senate bill 438 of the current
37 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
38 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

39 (g) Only courses taken in grades nine through twelve, inclusive,
40 shall satisfy this graduation requirement, except that a local or regional
41 board of education may grant a student credit (1) toward meeting a
42 specified course requirement upon the successful completion in grade
43 seven or eight of any course, the primary focus of which corresponds
44 directly to the subject matter of a specified course requirement in
45 grades nine to twelve, inclusive; (2) toward meeting the high school
46 graduation requirement upon completion of a health and safety
47 education course, as described in section 10-16b, in grade six, seven or
48 eight, provided such credits do not exceed one-half; (3) toward

49 meeting the high school graduation requirement upon the successful
50 completion of a world language course (A) in grade six, seven or eight,
51 (B) through on-line coursework, or (C) offered privately through a
52 nonprofit provider, provided such student achieves a passing grade on
53 an examination prescribed, within available appropriations, by the
54 Commissioner of Education and such credits do not exceed four; [(3)]
55 (4) toward meeting the high school graduation requirement upon
56 achievement of a passing grade on a subject area proficiency
57 examination identified and approved, within available appropriations,
58 by the Commissioner of Education, regardless of the number of hours
59 the student spent in a public school classroom learning such subject
60 matter; [(4)] (5) toward meeting the high school graduation
61 requirement upon the successful completion of coursework at an
62 institution accredited by the Department of Higher Education or
63 regionally accredited. One three-credit semester course, or its
64 equivalent, at such an institution shall equal one-half credit for
65 purposes of this section; [(5)] (6) toward meeting the high school
66 graduation requirement upon the successful completion of on-line
67 coursework, provided the local or regional board of education has
68 adopted a policy in accordance with this subdivision for the granting
69 of credit for on-line coursework. Such a policy shall ensure, at a
70 minimum, that (A) the workload required by the on-line course is
71 equivalent to that of a similar course taught in a traditional classroom
72 setting, (B) the content is rigorous and aligned with curriculum
73 guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, where
74 appropriate, (C) the course engages students and has interactive
75 components, which may include, but are not limited to, required
76 interactions between students and their teachers, participation in on-
77 line demonstrations, discussion boards or virtual labs, (D) the program
78 of instruction for such on-line coursework is planned, ongoing and
79 systematic, and (E) the courses are (i) taught by teachers who are
80 certified in the state or another state and have received training on
81 teaching in an on-line environment, or (ii) offered by institutions of
82 higher education that are accredited by the Department of Higher
83 Education or regionally accredited; or [(6)] (7) toward meeting the high

84 school graduation requirement upon the successful completion of the
85 board examination series pursuant to section 18 of [this act] senate bill
86 438 of the current session."